III.—PRIVILEGE MATTERS.

(1) ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS BY A D.M.K. MEMBER *re.* NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri M. S. Selvarajan has given notice of a matter of privilege against Mr. A. P. Dharmalingam for giving a news item to the Press which has been reported in the 'Dinamalar' that the D. M. K. Party is going to bring forth a no-confidence motion. This very fact was mentioned on the first day of this sitting itself by the Hon. Chief Minister as well as by the hon. Leader of the Opposition. I think the hon. Member was present on that day. I do not think this is a matter of privilege. Therefore I disallow it.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, I have something else to say apart from that. I plead that the Hon. Speaker may allow me to have my say in the matter.

MR. SPEAKER : No, it is not necessary.

(2) DELAY IN INTIMATION OF ARREST OF A MEMBER.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri M. Kalyanasundaram raised a matter of privilege regarding his arrest on 3rd July 1966 and detention in the Police Station from 9-00 a.m. to 2-00 p.m., in that the fact was not reported to the Speaker immediately as required by Rule 245 of the Madras Assembly Rules. It is admitted by the Superintendent of Police, Tiruchirappalli, that the hon. Member was secured under Section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code, as he had a design to commit cognizable offences. But this matter was reported to the Speaker by a communication, dated 16th July 1966 by the Superintendent of Police. There is no doubt that there was a long delay to report the matter according to the Rules. Apparently there cannot be any valid reason for such a delay. I strongly disapprove of the conduct of the Police in treating these matters so lightly and I like to administer a warning to the officers concerned in the matter. I want to impress on the Government to give necessary instructions to their officers not to repeat such violations of the rules.

Other matters raised in the notice regarding the propriety of the arrest or treatment, etc., cannot be discussed under the head of privilege.

Under such circumstances, I hold that it is not necessary to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would like to submit that the Inspector-General of Police who met me this morning has mentioned to me that very strict instructions have been issued to all the officers to take prompt action in the case of the arrest of legislators and that he was looking into the matter of delay relating to the intimation of the arrest of the hon. Member, Sri Kalyanasundaram, at Tiruchirappalli. He has further told me